

A WATER GATEWAY.

Keeps Stock In, But Does Not Obstruct Stream.

When farmers have trouble with a fence passing over a ditch or small stream they may be able to get an idea to fix their fences so as to turn stock in, from the accompanying illus-

Posts are set at a point near the edge of the stream and if there are



Water Gateway Through Fence.

supporting wires they should be connected with a rod shown at A. Below this rod is a stationary cross piece to which BBB are hinged.

Boards are nailed across these supports at C. The whole gate is hung that it swings out with the current of the stream. When the water is high the current carries the gate out and allows the passage of debris, but when the water is down the gate naturally swings in a normal position.

WEEDS IN THE PASTURE.

Mow Them Before They Have Chance to Go to Seed.

From this time on weeds will be in evidence in the permanent pastures as well as in the meadows. The weeds of the permanent pasture are mainly ragweed, dog fennel, iron weed, and the different varieties of As we have pointed out for some years, the main reason for their existence, especially in the permanent pasture, lies not in the fact that the weed seeds are abundant in all soil, but that the stand of grass is not thick enough to keep them down.

Of course it is folly to allow these seeds to increase by neglect to mow them, and, therefore, one of the first after-harvest jobs is to take a mower and go over every pasture, whether permanent or in rotation, and then go over every stubble field that has been seeded to clover and while clipping back the clover and thus thickening it up prevent the development of weed

The great point we wish to impress upon our readers, however, is that the reason why these weeds appear is because the stand of grass is deficient. We have seen permanent pastures this year in which there is no sign of weeds. These pastures are superb. Every available spot is filled with grass roots, and there is feed enough for two animals and only one to eat This means a long, late fall pasture and fat stock.

How prevent this weed growth? You can not do much now, says Wallace's Farmer. All you can do is to keep these weeds moved down to prevent further seeding. Then next spring provide yourself with a good disk drill and drill in clover and timothy just when the frost is going out of the ground. This will thicken up your stand of grass; thicken it up to such an extent, if the land is rich enough, as to double the pasture and do away with the unsightly weeds without the trouble of keeping them mowed down.

POINTS TO REMEMBER.

Do not cultivate soil when it sticks. Every farmer's family should have all the good fruit it can use the year around.

There is no danger of overdoing fruit growing if the marketing facilities are right,

The condition of the highway in front of a farm has very much to do with the appearance of the farm. Sunscald does not come in summer,

but comes in winter. Therefore, foliage does not protect from sunscald. The man that tries to grow pears

should study pear blight in all its phases; because that is the great obstacle to pear growing in this coun-

Alsike Clover on Low Land. Alsike clover is especially adapted to low land. This gives it a great advantage over the common red clover for low localities. Many a meadow on which it has been impossible to get a catch of red clover could be made clover producing if the alsike clover is sown. It will pay to make a trial of this, for many a low piece of land is deficient in nitrogen and needs to have grown upon it a few

Chicks should not be allowed to go on the roosts until they are abouthree months old.

crops of legumes.

HOW TO USE CONCRETE.

Fitzpatrick Gives Practical Points for Amateur.

The form or mold has to be exact and strong. If you wish to build a wall, the boarding has to be true and plumb, set close together and properly braced, both sides if an independent wall, one side if a retaining wall. This planking or the forms retaining the concrete in place should be kept there until the concrete is absolutely

It is better to err on the safe side and keep the forms up for a couple of weeks than it is to have the whole thing crumble by removing them too soon. Fatal concrete collapses are occurring with all too great frequency, and hurry to occupy those buildings

is generally to blame if they fall. For ordinary walls, piers and such work, dry measures of concrete should be one of cement, three of coarse, clean sand and six measures of clean gravel, broken stone or broken brick, broken large or small as the nature of the work demands, but never crumbled nto dust. Where greater strength is required, increase the cement proportionally.

The mixture should be fairly wet and thoroughly mixed, as wet as bricklayers usually have their mortar will accomplish the best results. This mixture should be poured into the mold or form and tamped with a heavy weight and not more than six or eight inches thick at a time before tamping.

It is difficult to join it, so one unit of the work had best be completed at the one operation. If a day has to clapse between times then leave the edge of the finished work very ragged and broken so that the new may impinge upon it in good shape.

HARVESTING BEANS.

Michigan Grower Tells How He Manages.

Beans grown commercially in this section are ready for harvest about the last of August or the first of Sentember. I always believe in securing my beans before the leaves drop. Just as soon as the beans are fairly ripe I begin to cut them without waiting until they get hard. use an ordinary bean cutter, taking two rows at a time. I have men follow and place two rows of cut beans or four original rows in one. Two men and a team follow and place these on a wagon preparatory to hauling to the barn. Two men and one team can clean five acres a day.

At first I made platforms of rails in my barn bays. I soon found that this which we have borrowed this illuswas unnecessary and gave it up. Now I put down a layer of straw, then put on three feet of beans. I then spread over another layer of straw, and then by far the most impressive presentfollow with beans, and so on. I have ment of Lincoln in any form that has never had beans spoil in this manner, ever been made. and I often fill my bay full to the top.

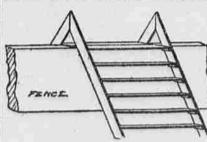
Do not try to thresh your beans before three to six weeks after they are put into the barn. Here is where a great many make a mistake. Beans, like most grains, are much finer if they are permitted to thoroughly sweat in the barn. When the threshing machine comes be sure that the concaves are low enough to prevent the cracking of the beans. Then have your machine man stay right by the machine. It is then easily possible to have the beans threshed properly without splitting, and there is no need of having any trash as the beans come from the machine.

I always have my beans hand picked near home. I find this very satisfactory, as then I can use my cull beans. If done under your eye the contractor cannot find any fault, and everybody will be better satisfied than if he picks the beans on estimates.

STILE FOR STONE FENCE.

It Will Prove Especially Convenient for the Women Folks.

In some parts of the country where stone is plentiful stone walls are very prominent. It requires a very breachy man to get over a stone wall grace



Manner of Construction.

fully. It is well worth while to builda pair of steps like the ones shown in the cut where it is necessary to get over one of these fences frequently in going from one part of the farm to

Give Weeds No Quarter.

The corn is laid by, the hay is up and the rush of the season's work is past. The weeds, however, are still busy, and in a few weeks more many of them will have matured their seed The cornfields and the pastures may be clean from weeds but look out for the odd corners and barn yards, which oftentimes contain enough weeds to seed down the whole place. Get down the scythe on some off day in the next two weeks and get busy.

Beginners should not start in by trying to raise several breeds and varieties of fowls. Better confine the efforts to raising one species. Nearly all the successful poultry raisers make specialty of only one or two varieics. They find that it pays better han it does to experiment with half dozen or more breeds.



NEW LINCOLN BUST.

Remarkable Piece of Work by a Danish Sculptor.

The artistic world has been startled and all lovers of Lincoln intensely gratified by an entirely new bust of the great president, by Gutzon Borglum, a Danish sculptor, living in New York. This was the result of many years of admiring study of Mr. Lincoln's character, his many photographs and other pictures, and measurements taken of the face. Mr. Borglum thinks that the right side of Lincoln's countenance was that in which the forcefulness of his character, his



New Bust of Lincoln.

common sense, his executive capacity, his reasonableness-that is, his intellectual qualities - found chiefly their expression; but his gentleness, tenderness, his bigness and warmth of heart-in short, his spiritual side-the artist thinks, left its marks more upon the left half of his countenance. Less critical observers will see in the face a new grandeur and feeling of power, such as Lincoln must have had, and which has escaped all previous artists in their attempts to give us the true Lincoln. There is In the face, as the Craftsman from tration says: "an almost poignant impression of the tensity and weight of the man's inner life." This head is

THE LAST DATTLE.

It Took Place in Texas-An Interesting Flag Incident.

writes to Capt. J. P. Dean with reference to the last battle of the war, which took place in Texas and usually known as Palmetto ranch. He says that he had just returned from a trip to the north end of Padre island. 50 men and some They had been after eattle, as they needed beef. They found the cattle after crossing the bay, six miles wide, but could not get them across, and had to return without them. Immediately on his return, the expedition was started out in another direction for the same purpose. No fight was expected, but they ran onto the forces of Gen. Slaughter. Col. Headington and his men being footsore, were left in camp. When they heard the firing, he got the men together and started out to help, but when they reached the mouth of the river they met our forces returning. He remembers that the color-bearer of the Thirty-fourth Indiana tore the flag from the staff, wrapped it around his body and swam the Rio Grande to the Mexican side. When he reached Bagdad the Mexicans took the flag from him. He came back to camp and reported all the facts. Col. Readington was sent to demand the flag, but the Mexicans refused to deliver it without orders from Gen. Mejia. Headington returned to Matamoras and reported his failure. He was immediately ordered to return to Bagdad, to demand the flag, with the threat that if it was not delivered on the island within an hour they would fire on the town. The flag came over in time.

Monitor Hero Dead.

David W. Orr, who was a messenger boy on the Monitor at the time she fought his historic battle with the Merrimac in Hampton roads, committed suicide recently in Greenwich Village, N. Y. He was a messenger boy around the iron works at the time of the construction of the Monitor, and then became a machinist in the navy. After the war he returned to Greenwich Village and set up a steamfitting He became quite a noted charshop. acter in the village and prospered for awhile, but presently times began to change and his business disappeared. His eyesight failed and he became a cripple with rheumatism, but he never forgot the thrilling days of the fight with the confederate ironsides, and it was an entertainment to the people to get him stirred up to tell the story with the fire of other days. In his little shop he kept two highly-colored lithographs of the Merrimac and Monitor, of which he was never tired talking. Despondency selzed him as his sixty-first birthday approached, and lying down under his lithographs, he put a rifle to his head and touched

QUITE SAFE WITH HER.

Secret "Tootsle" Surely Never Would Pass Along.

"John, love," said the young wife, 'you oughtn't to have any secrets from

"Well, Tootsie?" "You go to lodge meetings, and you never tell me anything about them." "They wouldn't interest you, dear. I don't mind giving you the password, though, if you'll promise never to dis-

close it to a living soul." "I'll promise never to tell it to any-"Remember it's to be repeated only

once and very rapidly."
"I'll remember. What is it?" "Aldaborontiphosciphorniosticos."

"What? Please say it again, a little slower.' "Have you forgotten the conditions already? I said 'only once and very

(Tearful pause.) "O, dear! I wish you hadn't told me!"

FOOLISH QUESTION.



"Oh, Willie, wot yer goin' ter

"Indians, of course! You didn't suppose I was goin' out to hunt sparrows, did you?"

ECZEMA FOR 55 YEARS.

Buffered Torments from Birth-In Frightful Condition-Got No Help Until Cuticura Cured Him.

"I had an itching, tormenting eczema ever since I came into the world, and I am now a man 55 years old. I tried all kinds of medicines I heard of, but found no relief. I was truly in a frightful condition. At last I broke out all over with red and white boils, which kept growing until they were as big as walnuts, causing great pain and misery, but I kept from scratching as well as I could. I was so run down that I could hardly do my work. I used Cuticura Soap, Ointment, Resolvent, and Pills for about eight months, and I can truthfully say I am cured. Hale Bordwell, Tipton, Ia., Aug. 17, 1907."

"I cheerfully endorse the above testimonial. It is the truth. I knew Mr. Bordwell and know the condition he was in. Nelson R. Burnett, Tipton, Ia."

Her Reserved Seat.

It was raining and the car was sopping wet. Most of the passengers stood, but there are always excep-

One big pink man with a snowy beard defied rheumatism and wet cloth by plumping himself down on one of the drippy seats. His presumable wife, with a laughing explanation that she was tired, seated herself in his lap. And when the conductor came along to collect fares she inquired, with the earnestness of one who seeks knowledge:

"Do I have to pay extra for a reserved seat?"

The conductor spoke no words that could go resounding down the corridors of time. He just grinned, and the passengers grinned with him.

Sporting Offer.

As he entered the restaurant the cut of his clothes betrayed him as a member of the sporting fraternity. Choosing a corner seat, he ordered oyster stew. When the dish was brought to him, he looked at it with a critical frown, and then he began excitedly to peel off his coat and

"What's the matter? What's the matter?" said the landlord, hurrying to the table.

The man looked at the stew, then at the landlord, and said: "Bet you a dollar I can swim from one oyster to another.

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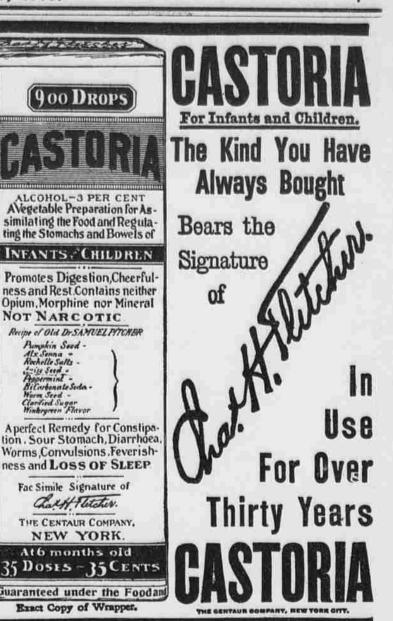
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